

<b>Annual Council Meeting</b>	<b>Agenda Item: 6</b>
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<b>Meeting Date</b>	18 May 2011
<b>Report Title</b>	Appointment of Council Leader
<b>Portfolio Holder</b>	Leader
<b>SMT Lead</b>	Director of Corporate Services
<b>Head of Service</b>	Interim Head of Legal
<b>Lead Officer</b>	Democratic and Electoral Services Manager
<b>Key Decision</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Open</b>

<b>Recommendations</b>	1. That Council elects the Leader of the Council.
	2. That Council notes the Cabinet Membership and the terms of reference for the portfolios as set out in Appendix I and that the Scheme of Delegation in Part 3 of the Constitution, in respect of Executive functions, be amended accordingly ( <i>to be tabled</i> ).

## **1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary**

- 1.1 Under Section 11 of the Local Government Act 2000, the Cabinet comprises the Leader and at least two and not more than nine Members (ten members in total). The Mayor, Deputy Mayor and members of Overview and Scrutiny Committees may not be members of the Cabinet.
- 1.2 Part 3 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 required Councils to adopt either a new style Leader and Cabinet Executive (model 1) or an elected Mayor and Cabinet Executive (model 2). Following public consultation the Council chose to adopt Model 1 - the new style Leader and Cabinet Executive.
- 1.3 Under the new arrangements the Council elects the Leader and the Leader is then responsible for:
- Determining the size of the Cabinet;
  - Appointing Members of the Cabinet;
  - Allocating Portfolios and areas of responsibility to the various Cabinet Members;
  - Allocating decision-making powers to the Cabinet and to individual Cabinet Members;
  - Removing and replacing Cabinet Members.

- 1.4 Council are therefore required to elect the Leader of the Council and note the Cabinet Membership proposed by the Leader together with an outline of portfolio responsibilities as set out in Appendix I (*to be tabled*).

## 2 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	A clear scheme of delegation leads to improved governance and to the Council becoming a High Performing Organisation.
Financial, Resource and Property	None identified at this stage.
Legal and Statutory	The interim Head of Legal has been consulted on this report. The relevant legal provisions are set out in the body of the report.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	None identified at this stage.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Sustainability	None identified at this stage.

## 3 Appendices

- 3.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report
- Appendix I: Table of Cabinet Membership and Cabinet Portfolios (*to be tabled*).